

Statewide Parcel Data Workgroup Meeting Notes

2/17/15

National Life 5th Floor Board Room, 1:30 – 3:15

Next Meeting: March 17, 2015 (wear green!)

Present: Chloe Collins, VLCT; Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Nina Safavi, VTrans; Melissa Prindiville, ACCD; John Adams, ACCD; Bill Tobin, Dept. of Taxes; Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Kate Hickey, AppGeo (via phone).

1. AppGeo reports on Parcel Data Workshops in Early Feb. and seeks our input on their plans for “deep dive” interviews in the coming months:
 - a. 15 participants in Rutland, 20 in Fairlee, 20 in Winooski. Good mix of people (municipal, foresters, surveyors, planners)
 - b. Concern was expressed re: cost/burden of parcel mapping to towns
 - c. Lots of good scalable examples of the usefulness of statewide parcel data were provided
 - d. AppGeo came up with 3 categories of use cases to use in the actual Return on Investment calculation.
 - i. Emergency management/response
 - ii. Water Quality
 - iii. Economic Development
 - e. Next step is to contact more interviewees, talk with them and use the info they provide to come up with justifiable numbers (costs and benefits of statewide parcel data)
 - f. Leslie will send them spreadsheet with estimates for parcel costs (development and/or maintenance)
2. Leslie Reports on the following:
 - a. Legislative Outreach Efforts
 - i. Open House Jan. 29 – no one came (competing with health care hearing)
 - ii. Map Atlas of districts/parcel status – distributed to legislators (done)
 - iii. Presentations/meetings/legislators (we decided to not do this. It is unlikely legislators will focus on this issue at this time)
 - iv. March 24 in the Card Room (will do display focused on parcel data uses)
 - b. VCGI Move to ACCD – 4 VCGI staff became state employees Feb. 23. Still not sure if 2 open positions will be filled.
3. Leslie contacted Jim Knapp (Director of PVR) and Elizabeth Hunt (Director of UVA) to suggest scheduling a Tax Dept. event: Get folks from NH to come over, meet with Jim and Elizabeth to talk about GIS parcel data and Tax business processes. – Leslie has not heard back from either of them. Once again, bigger issues are top priority for them right now (budget, legislative issues). Will try again in May.
4. We had a brief discussion about collection/movement of data in state processes
 - a. Property transfer info comes in in 3 ways: online, paper, scanned forms. The form does not indicate whether the property in question is a “contiguous parcel”
 - b. John Adams suggested that perhaps collecting available parcel data and passing it along to VCGI could be included in the RPC contracts.
 - c. 911 is currently collecting info about the # of units in multi-family dwellings. They did have this info for Chittenden County.